

**Message to the Congress
Transmitting the Report of Federal
Labor Relations Authority**

November 9, 1995

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 701 of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-454; 5 U.S.C. 7104(e)), I have the pleasure of transmitting to you the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for Fiscal Year 1994.

The report includes information on the cases heard and decisions rendered by the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the General Counsel of the Authority, and the Federal Service Impasses Panel.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
November 9, 1995.

**Proclamation 6849—Thanksgiving
Day, 1995**

November 9, 1995

*By the President of the United States
of America*

A Proclamation

In 1621, Massachusetts Bay Governor William Bradford invited members of the neighboring Wampanoag tribe to join the Pilgrims as they celebrated their first harvest in a new land. This 3-day festival brought people together to delight in the richness of the earth and to give praise for their new friendships and progress. More than 300 years later, the tradition inspired by that gathering continues on Thanksgiving Day across America—a holiday that unites citizens from every culture, race, and background in common thanks for the gifts we receive from God.

As we pause to reflect on the events of the past year, we recognize anew our Nation's many and wonderful blessings. We are deeply grateful for the abundance that keeps America strong and prosperous; for our freedoms and the freedom spreading to people all over the world; for the new hope of peace in regions where people have suffered much but are working hard toward reconciliation;

for the 50 years of international cooperation that have followed the end of World War II; and especially for the generosity and love that united our Nation after the tragedy in Oklahoma City. Let us open our hearts to the grace that makes all good things possible and acknowledge God's care for our world.

Let us each take time to offer thanks for the bounty of our own lives and for the relatives and friends that gather with us to share food and companionship on this special day. We give praise for the relationships that sustain us—in our families, churches, schools, and communities. We voice our appreciation for the satisfaction of work and the joys of leisure, and, most of all, we give thanks for the children that enrich our lives and remind us daily that we are the stewards of the earth and all its possibilities.

This cherished season also calls us to look forward to the challenges that lie before us as individuals and as a country. With God's help, we can shoulder our responsibilities so that future generations will inherit the wealth of opportunities we now enjoy. In everything we do, we must plan for the Thanksgivings to come and continue our efforts to build an America where everyone has a place at the table and a fair share in our Nation's harvest.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 23, 1995, as a National Day of Thanksgiving. I encourage all the people of the United States to assemble in their homes, places of worship, or community centers to share the spirit of goodwill and prayer; to express heartfelt gratitude for the blessings of life; and to reach out in friendship to our brothers and sisters in the larger family of mankind.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twentieth.

William J. Clinton

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Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

November 5

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Tel Aviv, Israel.

November 6

Following their arrival in Tel Aviv in the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton went to the grounds of the Knesset in Jerusalem where Prime Minister Rabin of Israel lay in state.

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton visited the Prime Minister's widow, Leah Rabin, at the Prime Minister's Residence.

In the evening, the President met with President Ezer Weizman of Israel at the President's Residence. He then had meetings with Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel, King Hussein of Jordan, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, and Likud Party leader Binyamin Netanyahu of Israel at the King David Hotel. Following the meetings, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC.

November 7

The White House announced that the President invited President Jose Eduardo dos Santos of Angola to the White House for an official working visit on December 8.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kathryn G. Thompson as a member of the Federal National Mortgage Association Board of Directors.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joshua Gotbaum to be Assistant

Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Norman I. Maldonado to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Connie E. Evans, Jacqueline Lee Johnson, Carol Parry, and John E. Taylor as members of the Community Development Advisory Board.

November 8

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Christian Science Monitor reporter David Rohde, who had been released after being held captive by Bosnian Serbs since October 29.

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton hosted a tea for Queen Beatrix and Prince Claus of The Netherlands.

The President accorded the personal rank of Ambassador to Brian Frederick Fontes in his capacity as chair of the U.S. delegation to the International Telecommunication Union's 1995 World Radio Communications Conference.

November 9

In the morning, the President met with public health and environmental leaders.

In the afternoon, the President met with congressional leaders.

The President announced his intention to nominate Yolanda Townsend Wheat to the National Credit Union Administration Board of Directors.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert S. Litt to be Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division at the Department of Justice.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.
